GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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MANUFACTURE OF TRANSPARENT CYLINDERS .
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has taken a decision to manufacture transparent cylinders made with composite material in place of those made with iron which would show the level of gas decreasing everyday;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the above mentioned cylinders are likely to be manufactured; and

(d) the likely capacity of transparent cylinders in comparison to that of the iron cylinders?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c) : Government has conveyed "in principle" approval to the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) for expanding the product line by way of introduction of composite cylinders for marketing domestic LPG, subject to there being no subsidy element in the LPG to be marketed through these composite cylinders. To start with, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) along with Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited

(HPCL) intend to import some cylinders and do test marketing in selected cities.The composite cylinders are translucent and will show the level of LPG present in the cylinder.

(d) : OMCs have reported that the capacity of composite cylinders presently being considered for marketing of LPG is approximately 10.5 kg. LPG as against the present capacity of 14.2 Kg in the domestic cylinders.